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## MOSCOW SEES RUMANIA AS CNLY RELIABLE VASSAL

Postwar Europe stands at the threshold of a new epoch, if one may believe a neurily well-informed source in Vienna. Stalin has given up plans of forming e Balkan bloc and now regards Rumania as his only reliable wassal. The news has leaked out to the other satellite states and has rocked their Communist parties to the very foundations.

According to this source, Stalin has succeeded in winning the Polithuro over to his policy. The reorganization of the Balkans scens to depend on Stalin's desire to come to agreement with the Western powers, and it is presumed that he is now willing to shape his policy in accordance with the agreements made at Yalta.

The very recent propaganda campaign may very well have been designed to conceal retreat. This may also be true for the extremely violent attacks on Tito. It is not believed to have been Stalin's idea to overthrow Tito with the help of the Soviet Army, but to effect Tite's deposition through an internal purge. When this did not result, Stalin gave up trying.

There are three good reasons for Stalin to alter Soviet policy in such a radical manner. The first is that Molotov's "get tough" policy could not be effected by means of the cold war. Instead, it could have led to a third world war which the USSR could not survive. The second is that the Kremlin's experts gave out faulty information on the attitude of the Balkan peoples, as was the case with Hitler when he attempted to invade the USSR. The third is that the USSR's internal conditions were not such that Stalin dared embark on an adventurous foreign policy.

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